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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1998. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	10/D90 283
	Filing Date	March 4, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Wolf
	Group Art Unit	3679
	Examiner Name	Flemming
	Attorney Docket Number	DYC-10-5598

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 28, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/58/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provided of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration (s) under Rule 132
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**


- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500645
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2036 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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**PLEASE DELIVER TO EXAMINER FLEMMING SAETHER**Docket No. DYC-10-5598Applicant(s): Theodore L. Wolf

Serial No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Group Art Unit
<u>10/090.283</u>	<u>March 4, 2002</u>	<u>Flemming Saether</u>	<u>3679</u>

Invention: **METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR LOCKING NUT WITH DEFORMABLE MEMBER**

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TO: Examiner Fleming Saether

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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 500645 in the total amount of \$440.00 to cover the fee (\$55.00) for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action and the RCE fee (\$385.00).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension and RCE fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500645.

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